

CORBETT IS THE FAVORITE.

**TALENT BELIEVES HE WILL BEAT
KID M'COY TO-NIGHT.**

What is expected to be one of the most scientific glove contests between heavyweights will come off in the Madison Square Garden to-night between James J. Corbett, former champion and Charles Kid McCoy, whose real name is Norman Selby. To outward appearance there is considerable bad blood between these men. They have indulged in two altercations in barrooms, one of which put Corbett in bed for several days. Corbett has every-

thing to lose and nothing to gain by whipping McCoy, while the Kid has the chance of his life. The Kid is a man who has seen the "world" if he beats the "Pompador" man, for Corbett and McCoy to-day are undoubtedly the most scientific boxers in the profession, and the reason for this is an unusual amount of curiosity which has been put up with them.

Corbett is taller, heavier and has been in the ring longer than McCoy. If Jim is fit, as fit as when he made his wonderful showing in the fight with Jimmie, he will be a match for fast Corbett will probably prove matters, but in such a manner that McCoy will have to strain a point to land an effective punch. It took Jeffries twenty-three rounds to get to a corner in the fight with Jimmie, and it is hard to see how Jimmie could have been so much more than Jimmie out, but Jeffries is as slow as a tortoise in comparison to McCoy. It must be remembered that Jeffries, in spite of his rugged physique and deft touch, is a much slower fighter than McCoy. In the eighth round, Jeffries was a good deal in the ninth round by Corbett, and it is not probable that he will be in the point of strength. The Kid has often shown that he cannot stand the slugging of a heavier

fact, though he cannot be taken for a coward, he is a bit of a coward, even in the ring when he tackled Chynock Bullfin and Maher, all of whom he defeated. But his build, heavy hitting coupled with the burly physique, Sharkey, McCoy was beaten down in signal fashion.

Corbett has not Sharkey's strength, neither can he hit with the Sailor. But he is probably the quickest puncher in the ring, though in point of power McCoy is the heavier hitter. Indeed McCoy has been regarded by many as one of the best punchers in the business. He came within a few seconds of knocking Sharkey out in the third round, it will be remembered, but dropped, he failed to do so.

Those who think Corbett will land two blows to the Hoocher's one. They also declare that McCoy eventually, and that though the Kid is

a dangerous puncher he will not be able to break through Jim's defence. On the other hand, McCoy has a big advantage in that he can be sure as the sun rises, for he will get to him with the left, in which there are better blows than any Corbett can show. McCoy can take all of the morning and forenoon to get into the fight, and then show cleverness enough to avoid many of them.

If the Kid can drive in one of his body blows his friends believe that will do the trick, as Corbett is not a fighter, as is well known. McCoy has been building up in training at Saratoga, and is said to weigh more than 170 pounds, which is heavier than ever before for him. Corbett, on the other hand, has been losing weight. At about 150, the latter having grown bigger and stronger since his meeting with Jeffries.

both from books and the way they are fit. Corbett has done his work at Bath Beach, where anybody could inspect him at any time. He seems to have put himself in a very sound position. He has been in the hands of McCoy has not shown any form yet, except to a few favored intimates, who were permitted to see him work at Saratoga, but the match seems sounding ominous. It is believed that in the hands of some of the rough slugging matches that have been seen in the past this bout ought to be a treat to those who like to see two heavy men fight. It is expected that the fight will be finished by Charley White will be the referee and the doors of the Garden will be thrown open at 7 o'clock.

Promptly at noon yesterday Jim Corbett was ordered to the ring by the referee of the light order. He arose at 7 o'clock and covered

an miles from the road. After breakfast he punched the bag and used the weights. "I've punched the bag and used the weights," Corbett then boxed four rounds each with Dal Hawkins and "Spider" Kelly. After dinner Corbett did practically nothing. Johnny Corbett, who is 25, is a former champion of the South and several acquaintances from San Francisco called upon the Californian yesterday. Corbett does not look as rugged as he is. "I am a little bit tired," he says. "I am in better shape though, and that barring accidents he will win."

"The warm weather has been against me of late," Corbett says. "I feel well, my appetite is fine and I sleep like a top. I am strong and hearty and have got speed too. In the bouts with my trainers I have proved that. I will be a lot better in the bout for the world's title."

On short legs, I don't think that the affair will last the limit and I predict that a knock-out will end the scrap. I feel pretty sure that McCoy will be the victor. He is a fighter, either. Corbett further said that he intends to hustle McCoy from the start of the going and that there will be plenty of mix-ups and little going on in between.

McCoy also finished his training yesterday and went to Albany, where he took the boat for New York. McCoy is due here this morning. He will be accompanied by his manager, John O'Brien and Harry Harris of Chicago. Before he left Saratoga last night McCoy said: "If I defeat Corbett I am going to try and get a match with the champion, Sam Langford. Jeffries is in better condition now than I have been in months and that is saying a great deal for him."

Each incoming train brings its quota of sports. The Chicago crowd got here last night. In the party are Tommy Hanton, "Smiler" Jett, Fred "The Kid" McCoy, "Red" Latta, "Pete" Pardee, Joe Davis, George Siler, Ned Engemann, Tim Buckley, Mike Nones, Fremont Sloan, brother to Tom Sloan, the locker, John "The Kid" Fenton, Sam Davis, Joseph Mitchell, Abe Levy, Ben Cohen, Jim Howard and Leo Mayer. Most of the party left McCoy at the prevailing odds of 10 to 1. They thought he was expected this morning. Those who are coming are Nate Fenton, Ed Wilson, Jack Sanders and Lew Kelly. Fenton, who is expected to meet McCoy at 10 o'clock, is expected to meet McCoy at 10 o'clock. The Baltimore

continent which arrived last night are: Al Herford, Joe Gans, Ernie Gebhardt, Hugo Glick, Sam Langford, Alvin Karpis, Al McCoy, Tom Thomas Farley, George Parrott, Eddie Hirsch, Maurice Hersford, Joe Wardorf, Billy Hinton, Frank Rommell and Gumbinner. These men are all Atlanta residents. The Atlanta George Lyons and J. M. Fohner. Fohner states that the sentiment in the South is that Corbett will win. The Pittsburghers will not be disappointed. The Atlanta contingent includes Col. Sam Stevens, George Fleming, Roger O'Mara and Jack Quinn have purchased tickets and will represent the Smoky City at the ring-side.

Tom Sharkey picks Corbett to beat the Kid. "Corbett is very clever," said Tom, "and if he shows up as well against McCoy as he did against

Bob Fitzsimmons, who spent most of the afternoon in town, was asked his opinion. He said: "If McCoy beats Corbett he will have accomplished what I want. Corbett grows out of the fine points of the game and I think he will be too clever for the Kid and ought to win. Still McCoy may surprise everybody by beating him. I think it is a very close fight and will be a great battle and will be a fine exhibition. Milton Roblee is backing McCoy and has \$500 to place on the Kid at even money. At Corbett's odds are 10 to 1 and I think he will win even on Jim. The money represents part of a commission which he received on Tuesday night from Boston. Warren says that he has \$300 more to bet the same way."

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